

POLICE MAKING
WIDE SEARCH TO
FIND "GOLDIE"Hunt Woman in Northeast
Part of District and in
Maryland.OFFICIALS MAY
HAVE NEW FACTSBelief Grows That Case Against
Smith Is Stronger Than Has
Been Admitted.

Following several new clues as to the whereabouts of "Goldie" Smith, who at one time is said to have posed as the wife of James Smith, suspected of murdering William H. Mickle with a monkey wrench, and accused of murderously assaulting Morris Bennett with a hatchet, Detective Springman and several other officers from Headquarters and the Ninth precinct are today searching Prince George county, Maryland, and the northeast section of the District this afternoon. It is confidently asserted by police officials that they will have an opportunity to examine this much-sought young woman this evening.

Officials are growing more confident each day that they will be able to convict Smith on the charge of murdering Mr. Mickle, and their conviction on this point leads many to feel sure that the authorities must have more positive evidence than any they have yet made public.

Smith's Associates Watched.

That a close surveillance is still being kept on all those who have recently been associated with James Smith, and that others are likely to have charges preferred against them as soon as tangible evidence of guilty knowledge is secured, is the positive statement made this afternoon by one who is in the closest councils of the police.

The District Attorney's office refuses to confirm or deny the report that arrangements are being made to take the written testimony of other witnesses this afternoon in the Mickle murder and Bennett assault cases. The belief is that the police have arranged for "Goldie" to be taken immediately to the District Attorney's office when she is found.

Another attempted alibi of Smith has apparently been exploded today. Smith has made varying statements as to where he spent the night on which Mr. Mickle was murdered in his store on Seventh street. One of these claims is refuted by Mrs. "Frankie" Davis, who told the police that Smith met her near the scene of the Mickle crime shortly after that crime had been committed.

A statement given to The Times this morning by Walter Costello, proprietor of a saloon at Sixth and G streets, is to the effect that Lawrence Britt, who was Smith's roommate, was in his saloon early Friday morning boasting of having spent the night before on a "good time" in Washington. James Smith has contended that he could prove an alibi through Britt, saying that he spent that Thursday evening in the Walker home with Britt.

An interesting bit of evidence, which may help solve the Mickle mystery, was brought to the attention of the police today by Thomas Ryan, an official of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union. Mr. Ryan says that on Tuesday of Wednesday preceding the tragedy a man wandered into a saloon, where he and some fellow-workers were holding a conversation, and declared that he was a sheet metal worker, and wanted a drink.

Found Man a Fraud.

"I asked the man where he had been working," Mr. Ryan said today, "and soon found that he was a fraud. He carried under his arm a package he said contained a monkey wrench. The implement was wrapped in a newspaper, and the stranger wanted me to buy it from him. I refused. He left the place angry, saying he would find a purchaser before the night was over. This conversation occurred not far from the Mickle cigar store."

Mr. Ryan seems to believe that it is possible that the stranger who came to him failed to find that day or the next a purchaser for the wrench. It is his theory that the stranger might have stopped in the cigar store while intoxicated, suspecting that Mickle had been

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FAMOUS LETTER
MAY BE BURIED
IN ALASKA CASENoted "Dick to Dick" Epis-
tle Ignored in Dropping
Investigation.SAY TAFT REVERSAL
ACCOMPLISHES ENDGraham Committee, Probing Con-
troller Bay "Grab," Says
Monopoly Is Frustrated.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

Whether the famous "Dick to Dick" letter, alleged to have been written by Richard S. Ryan to former Secretary Richard Ballinger, was a hoax, a fake or a fact, probably never will be proved.

That was the letter in which it was alleged Mr. Ryan, while seeking ownership of terminals on Controller Bay, Alaska, said he had overcome objections of President Taft, by getting Charles P. Taft to explain matters to the President.

The Graham committee of the House, which was instructed to investigate Alaska matters after the "Dick to Dick" letter was given out, probably will drop the investigation without any verdict as to the letter episode.

Work Is Done.

As to all essentials involved in the inquiry, the committee will report that its work has accomplished the desired results. The Administration has adopted an Alaskan policy that looks to the conservation of mineral interests in the public interest, and which points to the construction by the Government of railroads, if these be necessary, to open up the interior resources on such transportation conditions as will insure against monopoly.

Chairman Graham has not laid before his fellow-members of the committee the tentative draft of a report, but it is understood that in all probability the committee will report in favor of a Government road. It will be pointed out that subsequent to the committee's summer Secretary Fisher went to Alaska, looked into conditions, returned, and made a speech outlining the new policy of the Administration in such fashion as to bring it into harmony with the views of the most advanced conservationists. That much accomplished, the chairman feels there is no necessity for further prosecution of inquiry.

Interest in Letter.

But the "Dick to Dick" letter, though really an unimportant detail, has commanded the major public interest in connection with the inquiry, and there is no reference to it in the statements given out today by Chairman Graham and the committee's counsel, Louis D. Brandeis.

Mr. Graham said concerning this omission:

"The implication of the 'Dick to Dick' letter was that it was a fraud. It was a letter which was written by a man who was not a member of the committee. It was a letter which was written by a man who was not a member of the committee. It was a letter which was written by a man who was not a member of the committee."

"In that compilation is a letter which shows that the President did give Mr. Ryan some assurances of the sort he wanted. Also, there is printed a telegram from Washington to Mr. Ryan, at Seattle, dated August 1, 1909, in which the President is said to have made surveys, etc., in expectation that the lands would be withdrawn from the public domain, and he would do it at his own risk."

"But the fact stands that, while Mr. Ryan was in the White House, he was not to be too sure of getting the lands he did get assurances from."

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REPUTED INTERVIEW
WITH TAFT DENIEDStatement Printed in the Matin,
of Paris, Declared Untrue From
the White House.

The White House today did the unusual thing of denying a newspaper report when an official statement was issued deploring an alleged interview in the Matin, of Paris, in which the President was quoted concerning various foreign affairs of the Government. The statement says: "An alleged interview in the Matin of Paris, purporting to quote the President on certain phases of the attitude of the Government of the United States toward certain foreign affairs, was this morning brought to the attention of the Secretary to the President."

"Mr. Hillis explained that much surprise had been felt at the White House in finding that a gentleman, a cousin of the French military attaché, coming to the President in the course of a hurried conversation, the gentleman in question was one of a very large number received during a busy morning, and an interview whatever was authorized."

Officers of Federation Who Conferred With Taft

WILLIAM McK. CLAYTON.

E. C. DUTTON.



ALLAN H. DAVIS.

MISSIONARIES AT
PEKING IN PERIL;
GUARD IS ORDEREDNavy Prepares to Dispatch
Marines to the Chinese
Capital.

That the missionaries in the Methodist mission in Peking are in serious danger, was indicated by a dispatch received at the State Department this morning from Minister Calhoun, asking for a company of marines to guard the mission.

Immediately after the message was received the Navy Department officials were consulted and a strong guard was ordered to Shanghai at once aboard the Saratoga for Peking.

No details of the danger threatening the Methodists is given in the telegram from the minister. All that is stated is that 140 American churchmen are in the mission and that a strong guard would be advisable at once.

The minister was instructed today by the State Department, according to an official announcement, to inform the representatives of the other powers in Peking of the decision of this Government with regard to the troops necessary to guard the railway from Peking to Tien Tsin. In the message sent to Mr. Calhoun, he was instructed to say that the Government of the United States recognizes the obligation connected with the rights secured in the protocol of 1901 and will hold in constant readiness at Manila a force of from 500 to 2,500 men for dispatch to China upon short notice.

Just as soon as the necessity for action arises, the official announcement states, these men, as many of them as can be useful, will be ordered to embark on the soldiers, and in three or four days they can be on the spot.

Other dispatches from China today say that imperialists have captured Hanyang and that all foreigners have fled from Hankow, the port of Peking, the bombardment of which is imminent.

GOVERNMENT PAYS
OUT HOLIDAY CASH
TO AID EMPLOYEESThirty Thousand Workers
Have Privilege of Draw-
ing on Salaries.

Because the 30,000 Government employees in Washington today have the privilege of drawing on their salaries in anticipation of Thanksgiving Day tomorrow, much extra work is being done in the various disbursing offices. Although no work will be done tomorrow on account of its being a legal holiday, the disbursing officers were not authorized to advance the pay day from Friday to today. Advances were paid out, and these were deducted from the regular semi-monthly payment.

To provide the school teachers, policemen, and firemen with Christmas money, still more additional work will have to be done in the disbursing offices. An extra pay day has been arranged for in December.

On recommendation of Commissioner Rudolph, the board decided today to pay the school teachers, policemen, and firemen two weeks' salary after December 15. A decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury forbidding payment for services until actually performed, prohibits the payment of a full month's salary.

The action of the Commissioners means additional work for the auditor and disbursing officer. Both, however, expressed pleasure at the prospect of aiding in the visits of Santa Claus to the homes of District employees. Payments, it was announced, will be made on or before December 20.

Provision for Government employees getting money for their Thanksgiving celebration today has been made in all of the departments. Friday, under the law, would be pay-day, but because tomorrow is a holiday employees will have finished their half-month's work tonight.

In most of the departments the employees will get what money they want for the day on an order upon the disbursing officer. Notices are posted in the various bureaus, instructing the employees how they can get holiday money.

Wetmore Declines to
Run Again for Senate

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 29.—United States Senator George Peabody Wetmore will not be a candidate for reelection when his present term expires next year.

This announcement was made today in a letter from Senator Wetmore to Charles A. Wilson, head of the Republican State organization, who made it public.

Seek Boy Slayer.

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—Eleven-year-old Emil Zurnuehn, a fugitive, is being hunted by the police for the alleged murder of his playmate, seven-year-old Richard Schapanski, who died from a revolver shot.

COTTERILL DIVORCE
SUIT DISMISSED ON
WIFE'S UNIQUE PLEACourt Holds "Guilty Party"
Cannot Have Remarriage
Legal in District.

Dismissing the suit for divorce brought by Charles A. Cotterill against Henry Garland Cotterill, Justice Wright in Equity Court, No. 2, today delivered an opinion holding that "the guilty party" in a divorce case cannot go out of this jurisdiction and remarry and have the marriage legal within the District.

The secret hearing was halted several weeks ago when Attorney W. Earl Ambrose, counsel for Mrs. Cotterill, raised the unique contention that, inasmuch as Mr. Cotterill, who had been divorced by his first wife, and was "the guilty party," admitted that he and wife No. 2 had gone to Maryland to evade the District laws, that the whole proceedings should be dismissed on the grounds that the Maryland marriage was not valid in the District. The court sustained the motion.

"Suppose a citizen of the District should journey abroad to Turkey or to some land where polygamous marriages were good and carry along a caravan of women, and there, marrying himself to each one of them, bring them all back again, would it be tolerated by our people, that those marriages being lawful in the place of their celebration should be so held by the public and the courts here in the District of Columbia?"

"If the principle be carried to its last results it would sustain this: That all people of the District when they ought to marry might go outside to marry in defiance of its laws, marry against its laws and then come back again, all lawfully married even against those laws; this is a nullification of the power of the state or sovereign to determine for its citizens rules and regulations for the domestic status."

Relative to the validity of the second marriage of Cotterill in Maryland, the court says:

"The marriage may or may not be valid within the State of Maryland. Maryland must be accorded the right to determine that question for herself."

PRESIDENT TAFT
TO URGE DISTRICT
NEEDS IN MESSAGEExecutive Tells Committee of Citizens He
Will Do All He Can to Get Action on
Proposed Measures.HE WILL REQUEST PASSAGE
OF SIX IMPORTANT BILLS

President Taft is strongly in favor of a continuance of the half and half principle of appropriations for the District of Columbia. He set at rest all speculation upon his attitude upon this subject by declaring it today to the officers of the Federation of Citizens Associations, who were granted a conference with the President relative to District matters.

The President also told the members of the committee that he now felt inclined to send a special message to Congress this year upon District affairs. He told them he sympathized with the people of the Capital in their irritation over Congress' indifference to the urgent needs of the city.

It was for this reason that Mr. Taft was disposed to make a specific and direct appeal to Congress to give attention to legislation affecting the people of Washington.

The committee presented six important questions to the President for treatment in his message. They were:

A public utilities commission for the District, with authority over all public service corporations.

The improvement of the park system under the plan of the Park Commission, and not by haphazard purchases.

The building of a stadium for athletic purposes and for high school cadet drills.

A teachers' retirement system, appropriated for by Congress.

The creation of a policemen's and firemen's pension fund by a Congressional appropriation.

A continuance of the present plan of making appropriations for the District, the Federal Government paying half and the people of the District half of all expenditures.

Favors Present System.

President Taft was sympathetic in his advocacy of the half-and-half system. He told his visitors today that this was a national city; the city of the whole people, and not merely a municipality depending upon its own resources for its improvements.

It was for this reason, the President pointed out, that the Government should bear half of the burden of making improvements and in maintaining order in Washington. He could not believe that there were any forces in the city or in Congress who seriously meant to change this plan, and said so plainly. He made it clear, too, that no change would take place during his Administration if he could prevent it.

Another important proposition which the President was keenly interested in was that of the creation of a public utility commission, for which The Washington Times has been fighting for years. He let the committee understand that this was probably the only way in which the people could be properly protected against the burden of the natural monopolies of the city.

William McK. Clayton, head of the association, urged the utilities commission idea with particular force.

Glenn Brown discussed the park system with the President. He was particularly interested in having Rock Creek Park connected with the Mall and with having the whole parking system connected by means of the Anacostia water frontage, by the President.

President Allen Davis of the Business High School took up the question of a stadium and showed forcibly the need of such an institution. He said that it was patent that this could not be located near any of the high schools, but regardless of that, he said, it should be authorized and located wherever a proper site might be found.

A Federal appropriation for the firemen and policemen's pension fund was strongly urged upon the President by Edwin C. Dutton, secretary of the Federation. He told of the lack of money to properly finance the pension plan, and of the unfortunate fact that the fines from the Police Court were applied to that fund.

Mr. Davis also presented the teachers' retirement needs for the District. He said that no legalized fund was now at the command of the School Board, and that as a result old and inefficient teachers were kept on the pay roll simply for humanitarian purposes.

W. H. Richardson, president of Honoring Citizens' Association, was present during the interview, and endorsed the plans presented to the President on behalf of his community.

Board to Co-operate in
Entertaining Governors

A decision was reached today by the executive committee of the Board of Trade to co-operate with the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce in the entertainment of the eleven governors of Western States who reach Washington December 1. The members of the two committees will join in showing the gubernatorial party over the city and in explaining District affairs and conditions.

President Thomas C. Noyes today named the committee on public order, with Walter A. Brown as chairman, E. F. Colquhoun, vice chairman, and Alan O. Clephane, secretary.

Breaks Glass to Obtain
Turkey Dinner in Jail

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—Friendless and hungry, Joseph Novak, aged twenty-four, hurried a brick through a plate glass office building window downtown so that a policeman could arrest him, and he could have a Thanksgiving dinner tomorrow in Cook county jail.

PHILIP PLANS TO GET THE STALWARTS TOGETHER SHORTLY AFTER THE PROGRESSIVE MEETING ON DECEMBER 2. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THE PHILIP PLAN HAD ITS INCEPTION IN A CONFERENCE HE HAD WITH PRESIDENT TAFT ON THE OCCASION OF THE EXECUTIVE'S RECENT VISIT TO MILWAUKEE.

WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.
Fair tonight and Thursday; colder to-
morrow; lowest temperature tonight about
35 degrees.

U. S. BUREAU	APFLECK'S.
9 a. m. 30	9 a. m. 41
10 a. m. 30	10 a. m. 41
11 a. m. 30	11 a. m. 41
12 noon 30	12 noon 41
1 p. m. 30	1 p. m. 41
2 p. m. 30	2 p. m. 41

TIDE TABLE.
Today—High tide, 1:44 a. m. and 2:30 p. m.
Low tide, 8:25 a. m. and 8:55 p. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 2:38 a. m. and 3:10 p. m.
Low tide, 9:12 a. m. and 9:50 p. m.SUN TABLE.
Sun rises 6:57 | Sun sets 4:29